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Newsletter

2026 - Term 2, Week 3

Important Dates

11 May	UP Readers and Writers Festival
12 May	AP Readers and Writers Festival - Speaker
13 May	AP Community Lunch and Dance Workshop
14 May	AP Get Growing Program
14 May	UP Surfing
14 May	Book Fair - Primary Campus
15 May	PUPIL FREE DAY
20 May	Yr 6 Our Patch Excursion
21 May	Smoke and Fire Dinner
21 May	UP Surfing
Tues / Fri	Continued MP & UP Going Out Program

Term Dates 2026:

Term 1 Student Dates: Monday 2/2/26 to Thursday 2/4/26
(10 weeks). Office open from Monday 19/1/26.

Public Holidays: Monday 2/3/26 (Labour Day), Friday 3/4/26 (Good Friday)
Pupil Free Days within term: none

Term 2 Student Dates: Tuesday 21/4/26 to Friday 26/6/26
(9 weeks).

Public Holidays: Monday 27/4/26 (ANZAC Day), Monday 1/6/26 (WA Day)
Pupil Free Days within term: Friday 15/5/26 (Official Reporting Day)

Term 3 Student Dates: Monday 20/7/26 to Friday 25/9/26
(10 weeks)

Public Holidays: none.
Pupil Free Days within term: none.

Term 4 Student Dates: Tuesday 13/10/26 to Thursday 10/12/26 (9 weeks). Office
open until 18/12/26.

Public Holidays: none.
Pupil Free Days within term: Friday 6/11/26 (Official Reporting Day).

We would like to acknowledge the Wadandi / Pibulmun Traditional Owners of this land on which we live, work and play, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



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ANZAC DAY PARADE AND SERVICE



Students and staff proudly represented our Montessori community at this year's ANZAC Day parade and commemorative service. Together, they joined members of the local community in honouring the courage, sacrifice, and service of the Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women who have served our country.

As part of the ceremony, our students respectfully laid wreaths in remembrance, reflecting on the importance of gratitude, peace, and community. We are very proud of the respectful and thoughtful manner in which our students participated in this meaningful event.



Lest We Forget.

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Junior Primary News

Hello Families,

We hope you and your children have settled in well to Term 2. We would like to warmly welcome all of our new Junior Primary students and their families to our community. This term, we are becoming Weather Watchers - observing daily weather patterns and noticing the subtle changes of the seasons. We have also planted new seedlings and are enjoying watching them grow following the first rains.

In our Montessori classroom, we continue to nurture independence, curiosity, and a love of learning through hands-on exploration and real-world connections. We have loved welcoming our first Mystery Readers. The children delight in having their special grown-ups in the classroom, sharing a favourite picture book. We encourage you to sign up if you have the opportunity. The Mystery Reader program is just one way we inspire a love of reading. You can support this at home by making books easily accessible, letting your children see you read for both pleasure and purpose, enjoying regular reading time together in a cosy book nook, choosing books over screen time, and visiting your local library.

We would also like to wish all the wonderful mums a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. We hope you are spoilt with handmade cards, warm hugs, and special moments.



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Middle Primary News

Welcome back to Term 2, where the crisper mornings of Djeran are upon us. We hope you have had a wonderful set of holidays and breaks with your children and family as we have. Now for the fun part? Getting straight back into the inspiration of learning.

Introducing the new Team MP!

Although we have had an unusual start to the year, with a changeover of staff in terms of roles and personnel in Team Peppermint particularly, we are very excited to introduce the new Middle Primary Team! We have now welcomed Asha, who will be teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday, while Lee-Anne attends to her role as the 6-12 Program Coordinator on these days. Lee-Anne will continue to Teach on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. In addition to this, Victoria has been appointed as our full-time assistant, so she will be there each day providing continuity and consistency in support. Jana and Trish continue as Team Melaleuca.

History and Botany Experiment Materials.

As part of her 6-12 Curriculum Co-ordinator role, Lee-Anne has been working on the creation and implementation of the History and Botany Experiment Materials. The children will be receiving explicit instruction on how they will be able to independently choose and complete various experiments which inspire curiosity in geology, chemistry, physics and botanical sciences.

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You will notice that the consumables have been added to the Community Engagement Sign Up sheet which also has the consumable for Practical Life and Food Preparation.

As you know these activities greatly enhance the learning of the children. Please consider volunteering to hunt and gather (and purchase) the various items. They have been grouped in \$30 or \$60 lots, so if you are time poor and cannot always attend the various other activities we have on offer for Community Engagement, please know that this commitment will be truly appreciated by the children (and a big timesaver for the teachers as well as a cost saving strategy for our classroom budgets).

Our Community Engagement Sign Up sheet has been already emailed to Parents and Carers, however we are still seeking support for many slots, so you may sign up via return email to your teachers or manually using the hard copy which is on the classroom door.

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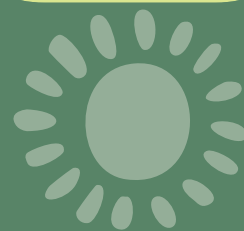
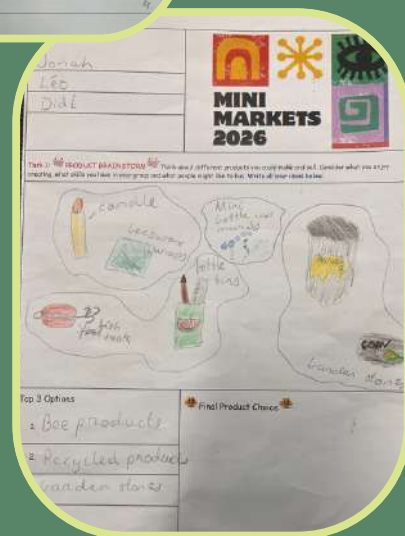
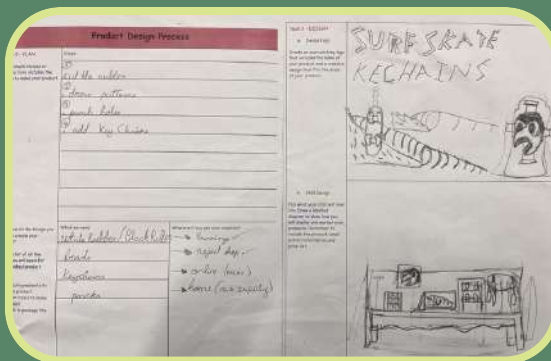
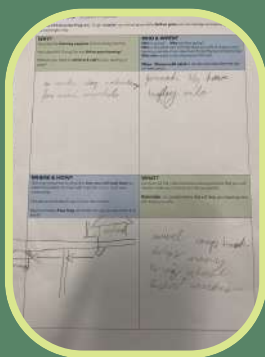
Upper Primary News

Mini Markets - Behind the Scenes.

Our much-loved Mini Market project is officially underway, and the energy in Upper Primary is already building!

As part of the Montessori curriculum, students are supported to explore business and enterprise through real-world, hands-on experiences.

Working in small groups, students are guided through the entire process; from forming teams and brainstorming product ideas, to researching the step-by-step process required to create their items. They carefully plan what materials and tools they will need and consider where these can be sourced from.



This year, where possible, students are also organising **Going Out** trips to purchase materials and seek donations, further developing their independence, initiative, and connection with the local community. Alongside this, they are exercising their creativity by designing catchy product names and logos, as well as thoughtfully planning the layout and presentation of their stalls.

An important part of the process is managing finances. Each group is responsible for tracking their spending and using this information to calculate a fair and reasonable price point for their products.

We know how much our community loves the Mini Markets, and we hope this little sneak peek into the work happening behind the scenes gives you an appreciation of the learning involved, and gets you excited (and saving your pocket money!)

for **Friday 19th June**.

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Adolescent Program News

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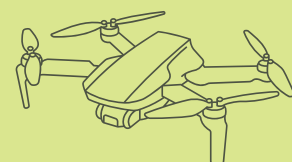
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The Adolescent Program has been enjoying the beauty of Djeran, with crisp mornings, the farm becoming greener after the recent rains, and the veggie garden thriving. The chooks seem to be enjoying the season too, happily pecking at the new shoots popping up in their enclosure.



A group of middle school students has recently begun working with Sean from Ovis Creative to learn about digital storytelling and media production using cameras and drones. Guided by the idea that “connection is the key to telling a powerful and engaging story,” students have been exploring different filming techniques and creative modes while developing their own digital projects. The workshops have been highly engaging, and students have really enjoyed building both technical skills and creative confidence.



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Adolescent Program News



Students involved in the Waatu Wongi Ngaalak Ni Gulyarra (Children's Sea Council) through the Educational Marine Areas (EMA) project visited Yallingup Lagoon in Week 2 to undertake an in-water marine life survey. The survey was led by fish scientist Tim Langlois, facilitated by Kim Lema from the EMA program, supported by Undalup Rangers Meeka and Joe, with extra help from volunteers Fabri, Julian and Georgia. Students collected data on fish abundance and size and investigated the presence of two gastropods, the endemic *Campanile symbolicum* and *Turbo* species. Meeka and Joe shared cultural knowledge about the seasonal uses of the area during Djeran and taught students about observing the behaviour of the waalitj (white-bellied sea eagle) to help determine which fish are most abundant and suitable to catch at this time of year. It was a valuable opportunity for students to combine scientific fieldwork with cultural learning and deepen their connection to the local marine environment.



Community work continues to be an important part of life in the AP. Students have been on the lookout for invasive weeds on the property and discussing the most effective ways to manage them. Of particular note has been the removal of several Sydney golden wattles, which stand out clearly while flowering at this time of year. Students have also been working hard to expand the chook pen area, and we recently welcomed three ducks, two hens and a drake, who are on loan to the program until they breed. Students are looking forward to incubating the eggs and raising ducklings at the AP later in the year. Community lunches continue to be another valued part of life at the AP. In Week 2, a group of students prepared and cooked lunch to share beside the dam, creating a relaxed space for connection and conversation while enjoying the changing season.



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Adolescent Program News

Senior school students have been making strong progress on a range of meaningful projects. Of particular note is Harper's Social Action Project, which includes a community tree planting day planned for Saturday June 6, with the goal of planting 750 native trees across the school property as part of an ongoing revegetation effort.



SMOKE & FIRE

Join us for a seasonal three course meal prepared by the students of...
Margaret River Montessori School
Adolescent Program

Enjoy live music and a cozy fireside experience
Limited seats available - scan the QR code for tickets

Date: Thursday 21st May 2026

Time: Arrive at 5.30 for a 6pm start

Cost: \$55 per person - Menu to follow

Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available - 3 courses including non-alcoholic drinks
We understand that plans change so please notify us at least 24 hours in advance for a full refund.

Guests aged 16+

Alcohol free event

Dress warmly



We look forward to welcoming you to
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COME PLANT A TREE SATURDAY JUNE 6th at 1PM



OUR MONTESSORI
COMMUNITY IS COMING TOGETHER
TO PLANT 750 TREES ON OUR FARM

Families are welcome. Children to be supervised.
Community Engagement Hours can be claimed
for Parents.

Hot chocolate and brownies provided.
Bringing a plate to share would be amazing.
Please bring gloves, trowel, spade and a great attitude!

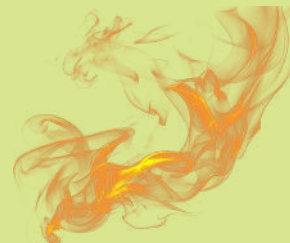
Please RSVP to School Admin
MontessoriAP@margmont.wa.edu.au



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Another exciting senior school initiative has been the organisation of Fire & Smoke, a long-table dining experience for family and friends to be held on Thursday 21 May. Students have been working hard behind the scenes to plan and prepare a seasonal three-course menu, and the event is shaping up to be a wonderful evening of community, collaboration, live music, and great food.



It has been a full and rewarding start to the term in the AP, with students continuing to engage in hands-on learning, environmental stewardship, cultural understanding, and community projects that connect them meaningfully to the world around them.

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Current Parent Information Session & Tour

Exploring the Adolescent Program

We warmly invite our Primary School parents to attend an upcoming Adolescent Program Tour and Information Session at our Metricup Campus.

These sessions will be opened to the Upper Primary Families over the coming weeks. As places in each session are limited, we are initially offering bookings to our Year 6 families to ensure you have the opportunity to gather the information needed to confidently consider your child's transition into the Adolescent Program.

During the session, we will share insight into the Montessori adolescent journey, including the structure of the program, daily rhythm, academic pathways, community expectations, and the unique opportunities available at our Adolescent campus. You will also have the opportunity to tour the environment and engage in discussion about the transition from Upper Primary into Year 7 and beyond.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 are warmly invited to attend alongside their parents, to experience the campus and begin engaging with this next stage of their journey. Attendance will be recorded as an educational absence from the Primary School for the morning of the session.

Please note that attendance at this session may be logged as Community Engagement hours. Families are welcome to record their time following the session in the usual way.

While students enrolled in our Primary School are automatically placed into our Adolescent Program, we kindly ask families to confirm their intentions at their earliest convenience — ideally by the end of Year 5 — to assist us with responsible cohort planning. We understand that circumstances can evolve and warmly welcome conversation at any time should you be unsure about your child's pathway.

Bookings can be made via the below provided. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact the Enrolments Officer, Jerika, by email Enrolments@margmont.wa.edu.au, calling 08 9757 2564, or dropping into the front office at the Primary School. If your preferred session is booked out, please join the waitlist and book an alternate date.

- [Current Parent AP Tour & Information Session - Thursday 04/06/2026 9:30am](#)
- [Current Parent AP Tour & Information Session - Thursday 18/06/2026 9:30am](#)

We look forward to supporting your family as you consider this next stage of your child's Montessori journey.



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Wellbeing News

Call out for branches!

On **Wednesday, May 20th** in the afternoon, students will come together in their Kin Groups for a special Djeran activity. Djeran is the Noongar season that brings cooler weather and signals the beginning of the rains. During this time, people traditionally built mia mias (shelters) to stay warm and dry. As a school community, we will work collaboratively to build our own mia mias using natural materials, strengthening connections across age groups while engaging in hands-on, seasonal learning.

If you have any suitable branches or natural materials at home that would be useful for building, we would greatly appreciate you sending them in with your child.

Tessa Vincent WELLBEING OFFICER



Inclusive Education News

Going Out for Term 2 is well and truly underway with our UP and MP students heading to the Town Library to find and check out books on a variety of interesting topics for their classroom work. The UP students selected books to support their research on bats for the Year 6 Our Patch project and the MP students found books for projects about Margaret River Now and Then, animals and rocks and minerals.



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French Language News

Our French language program is kicking off an exciting term with Maple (our Canadian World Cup mascot!) exploring French-speaking countries through the theme of soccer - building language skills along the way and culminating in a fun-filled celebration of all things French and football in week 10!

More information will be shared with parents in the coming weeks... but check out some of the fun on the bulletin board beside the red picnic table/arch in MP.

This program supports our Languages program by developing students' communication skills, intercultural understanding, and engagement with authentic and compelling cultural contexts.

Our AP students have jumped straight into learning on their first day back with a dynamic "Guess Who?" activity - decoding, analysing, and translating one another's crests to uncover identities while strengthening their comprehension and interpretation skills. The language used will continue to form a key pillar of language input this term as we broaden our classroom context in the coming weeks.



Physical Education News

We were thrilled to welcome back Keith Old, "Oldie" from WA Hockey last week, who ran some exciting skill-based clinics for our students.

The sessions were packed with energy, laughter, and movement as students got the chance to try out hockey, some for the first time. The Rob the Nest game was an instant favourite, giving students the chance to work on their stick-on-ball (SOB) technique in a fun and fast-paced game. There was also time spent practising their shots on goal.

A big thank you to Oldie for bringing his passion for hockey and expertise to our school.

We look forward to welcoming them him back again soon!



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Library News

There is a lot happening in the library this month. With plenty of crossover themes and opportunities to participate in some fun reading challenges and activities. With the Premier's Reading Challenge continuing until 12 June 2026, the Scholastic National Family Reading Month and our annual **Scholastic Book Fair**. See below for more details.

Reading offers many benefits and the Premier's Reading Challenge makes it even more exciting! The challenge encourages reading, gives students a goal to work towards and nurtures a lifelong love of books.

Parents play a key role in developing great reading habits. The challenge gives families a fantastic chance to read together. Reading is a wonderful way to unwind, escape to new worlds and discover incredible authors. So, grab a book and get ready for this year's challenge! There is no deadline for registration so visit premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au for more information.

This year marks the 30th Scholastic National Family Reading Month (NFRM), which encourages families to read together on a regular basis to create strong reading habits. Most of us know how important reading together is and its long-term value to our children's success in school and in life. However, we also know it is not always that easy to put into practice with our busy schedules and increasing competition with screen time.

That is why we ask you to take the 31-Day Challenge—to inspire you to make reading together for at least 10 minutes every day a focus, to create positive, long lasting reading habits and lifelong readers!

1 DAY ONLY THIS YEAR!

Scholastic Book Fair is on next week! With a pupil free day on Friday 15 May the Fair will only be open for sales on Thursday 14 May 2026. Students will check out the Fair during their library time on Thursday 14 May and can purchase from the Fair after school or from the promotional brochure already sent home with your child. You can purchase items from the brochure before the Fair and pay online (bring the form and payment details in on or before Fair Day) or come to the **Fair in the School Hall from 3pm on Thursday 14 May**.

EFTPOS and cash payments will be accepted.

Have a great month of reading!
Cath and Sandi
Library Staff



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P & F Corner

We need you!

With soooooo many fun and exciting things happening it is a great time to fulfil your community engagement hours and join the P & F meetings and help out at our events.

FASHION FOLLY
MRMS SUSTAINABLE CLOTHING SWAP FUNDRAISER
Date TBC

**Term 2 - Meeting at Primary Campus meeting room
Monday 11th May @ 2pm**

**Term 3 - Meeting at Primary Campus meeting room Monday 27th July
@2pm**

If you think you can help then please get in touch with Nats at
pfsecretarymontessori@gmail.com or 0428094585.

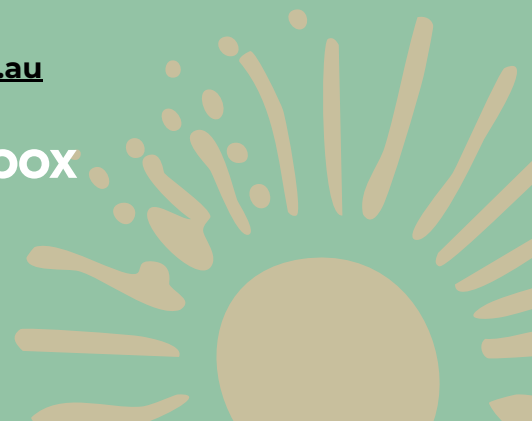
Community Engaagment Hours

Margaret River Campus

Vacuuming Scholarship - Full Term commitment - vacuum the Primary Campus Hall every Friday and receive \$150 of your fees and fulfill your parent commitment hours for the term.

Please email Haydi montessori@margmont.wa.edu.au

Please **CHECK** the lost property box
as it is overflowing!



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Community News

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Parenting
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Mental Health First Aid



Conversations about Non-Suicidal-Self-Injury (NSSI)

Are you a concerned parent/carer in community?

Participants will learn the skills and acquire the knowledge required to safely assist a person who is engaging in self-injury.

This course is based on guidelines developed through the expert consensus of people with lived experience of mental health problems and professionals.



Wednesday 20 May 2026 | 9.30am – 1.30pm

Margaret River Community Centre

Main Meeting Room, 21/33 Tunbridge St

To book: <https://bit.ly/3Qnm1f8>

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Welcome back to Term 2....

Welcome back to Term Two! We hope all families enjoyed a relaxing break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

Our classrooms are already buzzing with curiosity and learning as students reconnect, settle into routines, and embrace new opportunities. We look forward to another wonderful term together in our Montessori community.

Two Campuses One Team!



Let's keep in touch!



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"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind..." – Maria Montessori



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